

*I give you a new
commandment:
That you love one another.
Just as I have loved you,
you also should love
one another.
By this everyone will know
that you are my disciples,
if you have
love for one another.”*

: John 13:34-35

“Give thanks to the Lord who is good; God’s love endures forever.”

I Chronicles 16:34

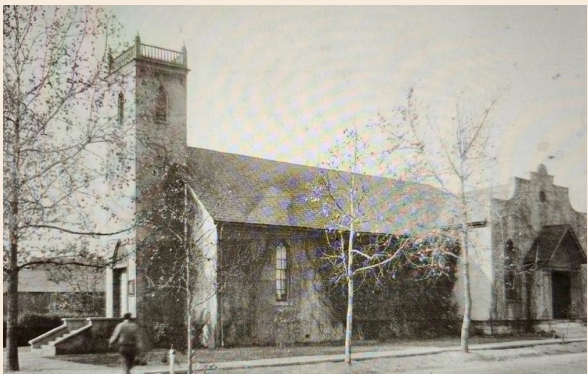


First United Methodist Church of Roseville is celebrating its 140th anniversary as the first permanent church in Roseville. At that time, it was called the First Methodist Episcopal Church. The small community previously met in a local barn before moving to a house on Vernon Street under the leadership of Rev H. L. Gregory. In 1882, the burgeoning church community was gifted a generous lot on the corner of Washington and Church Street. This land was donated by Mrs. Anna F. Judah with the stipulation that it “shall be used, kept, maintained, and disposed of as a place of Divine Worship.”

The town of Roseville rallied around the project and the work soon began. The brick was made at J. D. Pratts brick

yard on Dry Creek at the foot of Taylor Street, and most of the brick laying and carpentry work was offered for free. It was a full community undertaking and the historical records note that even women and children became involved in the construction.

On March 4, 1883, Roseville and the surrounding areas joined together to dedicate the new church building. Local saloons were closed for the day, and the owners participated in the celebration by competing against each other to see who could raise the most money for the building’s expenses. That day, the saloon owners raised close to \$900 towards the estimated total cost of \$2,500.



The dedication ceremony for the community-built church was officiated by Rev. Dr. F. F. Jewell, and the handsome building was 28 x 45 feet with a Cornish style bell tower. The newspaper of record at that time, The Placer Herald, described it as “one of the neatest edifices...in the state.”

Since then, First United Methodist Church has been a constant presence in the historic downtown section of Roseville. For over a century, the building has served as an organizing place of good for the community. This has been deeply rooted in its history ever since it once greeted travelers who crossed pre-automobile roads from steam-powered trains to receive hot meals, employment opportunities, housing prospects, social connections, or simply prayer.

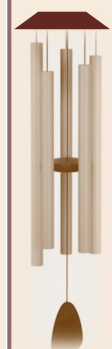
Over time the building expanded with “The Annex” in 1914, a kitchen in 1923, and a larger new sanctuary in 1951. In 1986, Backman Hall was constructed and it continues to be the place of social gathering for the church and the surrounding community to this day. For 140 years, First United Methodist Church of Roseville has not only established itself as the oldest and first church in Roseville, but it remains a place that centers the community through love, faithful service, and the inspirational hope that is only born when people come together with purpose. May it be so for another century and beyond! Blessings, Mahsea Evans

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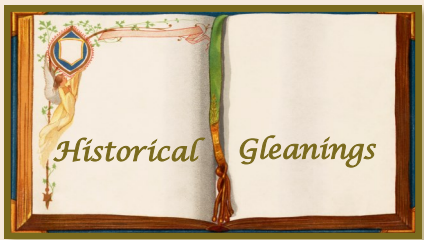


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First Churh Celebrates 140 Years!

- In keeping with our anniversary theme, **did you know**
- that the Official Board was organized December 6, 1890?
 - that E.C. Bedell, the first secretary of the Official Board, was also known as “the Father of the High School”?
 - that James Astill, one of the church’s charter members, was Phoebe Astill’s Great Grandfather?
 - that Mr. and Mrs. Charles Keehner loaned the church \$350.00 to help purchase a parsonage in 1893?
 - that Mr. and Mrs. L.L. King donated two lots in Cherry Glenn to build the Mission Chapel?
 - that Scout Troup #1 was organized and met in the Annex?
 - that Rev. Thomas Mee was the Scout Master of the original Scout Troup #1?
 - that in the early ‘20’s there were plans to build a new church and \$800.00 was pledged and deposited in the Roseville Banking Company, but hard times compelled them to get a release from the donors, and the money was used for repairs to existing structures and current expenses?

Hope you enjoy this little bit of history! Phoebe Astill, Historical Chair
Phoebe Astill, Historical Chair

Baseball Season

Baseball season begins on April 1st. Because it coincides with the coming of Spring and the celebration of Easter, it makes sense that I associate baseball with a sense of renewal, revitalization, and joy. It is as if my soul is refreshed when that first, “Play ball!” is uttered and cuts through the air like a four-seam fastball. This is the time when I think of Jackie Robinson who was the embodiment of competitiveness and dignity. He not only broke the “color barrier” in 1947, but it is the image of his Brooklyn Dodgers-clad chest sliding into home that inspires me to be audacious, to take risks, and to have trust in my abilities and skill. These are useful reminders especially before undertaking new challenges.



Baseball is also a time for bringing families together. I think of watching baseball with my young daughter and teaching her the ways of fandom, particularly how to root for the New York Yankees and for “The Captain,” Sir Derek Jeter of Jersey.

This year, I cannot wait to bring my expanded family and new daughter to games at Raley’s Field to check out the River Cats. I look forward to eating hotdogs, cracking peanuts, cheering on the team, over-explaining myself to blank-faced loved ones who are willing to suffer through my exuberance because they love me, and admiring the Sacramento skyline rising just beyond the right field fence featuring the distinctive golden glint of the Tower Bridge. Because April is also National Poetry Month. I present an excerpt of this poem about baseball by the great William Carlos Williams that was published in 1938.

The crowd at the ball game
is moved uniformly
by a spirit of uselessness
which delights them—
all the exciting detail
of the chase and the escape,
the error
the flash of genius—
all to no end save beauty
the eternal—
So, in detail they, the crowd,
are beautiful...

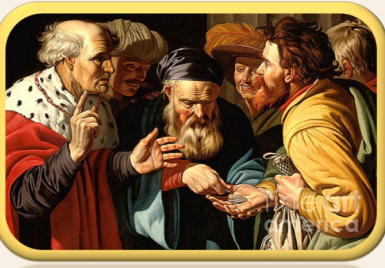


COMING TO FIRST CHURCH SOON !



Be sure to save this DATE!
JUNE 3, 2023
11:00 AM
for the
Spring Bouquet Brunch
There will be something for guys
and gals to enjoy.
So come one, come all!
**See the May Chimes for more information*

Judas Bag



A Bag was filled with 30 pieces of silver by the priest and given to Judas for the betrayal of Jesus. Judas regretted what he did and tried to return the silver to the Chief priest & Elders. That money was used to buy a field from the potter. Today Potters Field is where the poor are buried. Money from these Judas Bags will be used to help the poor in our area. Please put 30 coins (no pennies please) in the bag and return it to First United Methodist Church, 109 Washington Blvd., Roseville, CA 95678 by Easter, Sunday April 9, 2023. These bags are available in the sanctuary each Sunday or in the office. Don Harris, Trustee Chair

SAVE THE DATE! PAPER SHREDDING FUNDRAISER SATURDAY MAY 6, 2023; 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

PRE-PURCHASE Seal N Shred bags (approximately one "banker box") for \$25 each. Fill your bag with material to be shredded – paperclips, 3 ring notebooks and all. Bring your filled bag to the church parking lot on Saturday May 6, 2023; 10 am – 12 pm. You can watch your paper being shredded inside the truck by camera!
Call 916/783-3464 or finance@firstumcroseville.org to buy a bag in advance.
Bags will be available the day of the event as well.
Proceeds go to the ongoing mission of Roseville First United Methodist Church



Learn to Speak Spanish

The Mission Team is sponsoring a beginner's Spanish conversation group which is meeting weekly on Thursday mornings at 10:00 AM in Heritage Chapel. The first class was held last Thursday and 7 people attended. Cathie says "I think any class of at least 2 is worthwhile". Everyone is invited to attend and you don't have to come every week. Please drop in whenever you can!
Cathie Wierbick



*Happy Easter
May this day bring you
blessings of love, joy, peace and hope.
May it linger in your heart forever.*
Gadget Freaks

Easter Eggs

The egg, an ancient symbol of new life, has been associated with pagan festivals celebrating spring. From a Christian perspective, Easter eggs are said to represent Jesus' emergence from the tomb and resurrection.

Decorating eggs for Easter is a tradition that dates back to at least the 13th century, according to some sources. One explanation for this custom is that eggs were formerly a forbidden food during the Lenten season (the 40 days before Easter), so people would paint and decorate them to mark the end of the period of penance and fasting, then eat them on Easter as a celebration.

Submitted by Kathleen Mirtoni





APRIL BIRTHDAYS

10TH CHRIS GALVIN
13TH CLAIRE WILSON
19TH JAN SECHRIST
20TH JULIUS BARHAM
BETSY GREEN
PATTY LOHSE
GABRIEL MCGUIRE
22ND MELANIE KINCHELOE
24TH NANCY WILLIAM
25TH KIKUKO LA POINT
(Chris Handley's Mom)
26TH ISHMAEL SANTIAGO



On 3/11/2023 we received \$48.00 for recycled cans & bottles. Thanks for saving them and donating them to the church.
Don Harris, Trustee Chair



United
Women
in Faith

Our next meeting will be a “bring your own bag lunch” at noon on Monday April 10, 2023. We asked for fresh input for plans for the future and one suggestion was of using a date for our monthly meetings instead of a regular certain day. This way the 10th of a month usually rotates on different days throughout the year. So please mark the 10th of the month in your calendar so you can attend a United Women in Faith meeting.

In March we enjoyed delicious home-made soup as well as a truly delightful skit entitled The Visitor in the Wood narrated by Nancy William and starring Jan Sechrist, Kathleen Mirtoni, Nancy Bray and Josette Humphreys. In summary, Jesus assures us whenever we feed the hungry, comfort the hurting and help the needy we have been “visited” by Him.

We are happy to report that Nancy William will lead us as Acting President for the remaining year. We also have a volunteer Nomination Committee, and we still need an Acting Secretary for the year. Nancy Bray will continue as Treasurer and Shelly Newton as Vice President. As we continue to move forward we hope to have a full slate of potential officers ready to be elected for 2024 and the following two years. The pandemic set us back in gathering together, but didn't stop us altogether! Our pledges paid in the past has helped keep us current in our pledge to the International Mission of The United Women in Faith.

We also continue our Ukrainian Refugee Food Project. Since May 17, 2023 the project has helped between 25-60 refugees in Roseville. Some have been able to find jobs and are self supporting but as some leave, some new refugees arrive. We want to thank all of you that have contributed money and/or food to this project and hope that you will continue to support this effort. Please join us April 10th, Shelly Newton

NEXT RECYCLE IS SATURDAY
April 8, 2023
9-11:00 AM

FIRST CHURCH ROSEVILLE TEAM LEADERS

Pastor—Mahsea Evans
Certified Lay Minister—Kathleen Mirtoni
Church Council Chair—Liz Harvey
Lay Leaders—Kathleen Mirtoni

Jan Sechrist
Ruth Ann Baker

Treasurer—Chris Handley
Financial Secretary—Elizabeth Harvey
Finance Team Chair—Dave Sechrist
Trustees President—Don Harris
Staff Parish Chair—Dennis Bull
Mission Outreach—Dennis Bull,
Thom King, and Paul Woicicki
Memorial—Susan Reining
Worship Team Leader—Nancy Bray
Congregational Care—Gail Provine
Music Director—John Handley
Communications—Kristi Kinzel
Lay Leadership Training—Kristi Kinzel

Church Office Hours
Monday— Friday 9:00 AM—12Noon



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Worship

Attendance in March was 256. The Average was 64.

The Monday Feeding Program

In March approximately 252 meals were served to the hungry in our community.



At our March meeting Larry Koncewicz led a thought-provoking discussion of the fourth quarter of your life based on the book of the same name by Matthew Kelly and Allen Hunt. Members were asked to reflect upon significant events that had occurred during previous quarters of their lives, and to self-examine the legacy that they hoped to leave during the fourth quarter. Larry shared the following anonymous reflection on life:

**At the end of life, what really matters is not what we bought,
but what we built; not what we got, but what we shared; not our competence, but
our character; and not our success, but our significance.**
Live a life that matters. Live a life of love.

The Agape Group will not meet on Holy Saturday, April 8, 2023. No, we will not be at an Easter Egg hunt. We will be resting from our week of rehearsal and performance---On Maundy Thursday, April 6, at 7:30 p.m., the entire Agape Team is acting in the play “Is It I?” based on Leonardo da Vinci's famous painting of the Last Supper. Hope you will come join us then.

Our next gathering will be on Saturday, May 13, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in Heritage Chapel. Any questions please contact any of the Agape Team members (Don Harris, Cliff Williams, Dave Sechrist, Thom King, and Jim Wecker) or Dennis Bull at 630-781-6110.

Happy Spring! Happy Easter!
Dennis Bull



Schedule of Events

April 2nd Palm Sunday Worship Service 10:15 AM
Celebration of 140th Year of First Church
April 6th Maundy Thursday “Is It I?” Play 7:30 PM
April 7th Good Friday Service 6:00 PM
April 9th Easter Sunday Worship Service 10:15 AM

Please continue to pray for the following people.

For Healing & Comfort

Connie, Marie, Hazel,
Jordan, Brandon, Ron,
Kathy, Audrey, John



For Bereavement

Karen & Family

Please submit request for prayers to prayers@firstumcroseville.org